

REMARKS

This Amendment is intended to fully respond to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003. In that Office Action, claims 1-3 and 5-21 were examined, and all claims were rejected.

Reconsideration of these objections and rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 and 5-21 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker et al. (USPN 6,366,930) in view of Atkinson et al. (USPN 5,892,904). Claims 2, 15, 20, and 21 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker et al. in view of Atkinson et al. and further in view of Hyponnen et al. (USPN 6,577,920).

In essence, all claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable, in part, over Atkinson. The Atkinson patent is assigned to Microsoft Corp., which is the assignee of the present application. Therefore, Atkinson cannot be cited in an obviousness rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Consequently, it is believed that all the claims are allowable.

Conclusion

As originally filed, the present application included 21 claims, 4 of which were independent. As amended, the present application includes 21 claims, 4 of which are independent. Accordingly, it is believed that no other fees are due with this Amendment and Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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